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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5168

INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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CINCPAC

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT : RTG FONMIN OFFICIALS TO ACCOMPANY THAI BADMINTON  
TEAM TO PRC

REF: BANGKOK 10477 AND PREVIOUS

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

1. "PING PONG DIPLOMACY" WILL BE SUPERSEDED BY "BADMINTON  
DIPLOMACY" WHEN A 17-MEMBER THAI SHUTTLE DELEGATION TOURS THE  
PRC NEXT MONTH. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CHARTCHAI CHUNHAWAN  
ANNOUNCED JULY 24 THAT THE RTG HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT A PRC  
INVITATION FOR THAILAND'S TOP BADMINTON STARS TO ENGAGE IN A  
TWO-WEEK PLAYING TOUR BEGINNING AUGUST 5.

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WM WHEREAS THE PRESS HAS MENTIONED VARIOUS RTG MINISTRY

OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) OFFICIALS WHO WOULD ACCOMPANY THE DELEGATION, WE LEARNED FROM THE MFA THAT PHAN WANNAMETHEE, DIRECTOR OF THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, AND TEJ BUNNAG, CHIEF OF THE EAST ASIA DIVISION, WOULD BE IN THE ENTOURAGE.

3. COMMENT: INCLUSION OF THESE RANKING MFA OFFICIALS INDICATES THAT THE RTG IS DISPOSED TO CONTINUE THE POLITICAL DIALOGUE BEGUN IN JUNE WHEN CHENG JUI-SHENG, THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN AFFAIRS CHIEF IN THE PRC FOREIGN MINISTRY, ACCOMPANIED THE CHINESE PING PONG DELEGATION WHICH VISITED BANGKOK.  
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